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OCC SUBJ: TRAVEL

28 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SE Division

ATTENTION : Division Security Officer

FROM : (Thomas L. Briggs)⁰³
SE/X/LASUBJECT : Appearance As Witness In Behalf of the
United States GovernmentREFERENCES : A. Memorandum For Chief, SE Division,
From (Thomas L. Briggs)⁰³ dated 11 January
1977, Same Subject ⁰³B. USA v. Gerald P. Hemming, Et Al.
(76-371-CR-CA)

1. As reported in Paragraph 4 of Reference A, the trial of Gerald P. Hemming (Reference B) was severed on 10 January 1977. I was informed of the severance during my pre-trial conference with AUSA Karen Atkinson in Miami, Florida on that same day. AUSA Atkinson told me I could return to Washington, D.C. and she would have the Drug Enforcement Administration Miami Regional Office inform me if and when the trial was rescheduled. I orally reported the above to Mr. Billy Hix, SE Division Security Officer, Ms⁰³ [redacted] Acting Chief SE/X/LA, and Mr. Robert Blandford, CCS, OCS, upon my return to Headquarters on 11 January 1977. I also forwarded Reference A copies to Office of Security, External Activities Branch and the Office of General Counsel, Mr. Edmund Cohen.

2. On 28 February 1977 I was contacted by SA Robert Fredericks of the DEA Miami Regional Office and informed that the Hemming trial was scheduled to begin 2 March 1977. SA Fredericks asked me to be on standby to travel to Miami to appear as a witness on behalf of the United States Government. SA Fredericks said it was not certain the trial would begin

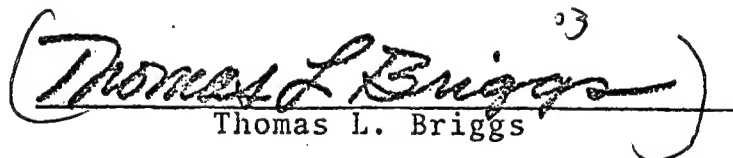
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on 2 March and he did not know whether I would be needed as a witness.

3. I requested that SA Fredericks initiate action to authorize me to travel to Miami via GTR issued by DEA. SA Fredericks said he would initiate that action. I am awaiting further notice from SA Fredericks.

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Thomas L. Briggs

cc- SED, Security Officer
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